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The Baltimore Platform.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the recent Leopold National Convention:

Resolutions of the Democratic National Convention.

Resolved. That the American Democracy place their intelligence in the patriotism and the discriminating justice of the American people.

Resolved. That we regard this as a distinctive feature of our political creed, which we are proud to maintain before the world, as the great moral element in a form of government, springing from and *lived* by the popular will, and we contrast it with the creed and practice of Federalism, under whatever name or form, which seeks to palsy the will of the constituents, and which concedes no importance too monstrous for the popular credulity.

Resolved. Therefore, that, enterprising these views, the Democratic party of this Union, through their delegates assembled in general Convention of the States coming together in spirit of concord, of devotion to the doctrines and faith of a free representative Government, and appealing to their fellow citizens for the rectitude of their intentions, come and present before the American people the declaration of principles avowed by them, when on former occasions in General Convention they presented their candidate for the popular suffrage.

1. That the Federal Government is one of limited powers, derived solely from the Constitution, and the grants of power therein ought to be strictly construed by all the departments and agents of the Government, and that it is inexpedient and dangerous to exercise doubtful constitutional powers.

2. That the Constitution does not confer upon a General Government the power to commerce and carry on a general system of internal improvements.

3. That the Constitution does not confer authority upon the Federal Government, directly or indirectly, to assess the debts of the several States, contracted for local internal improvements, or other state purposes, nor would such assumption be judicious and expedient.

4. Justice and sound policy forbid the Federal Government to foster any branch of industry, to the detriment of any other, or to cherish the interests of one portion to the injury of another.

Resolved. That the foregoing propositions, and were intended to embrace the whole subject of slavery agitation in Congress, and therefore the Party of the Union, standing on this national platform, will live by and adhere to a faithful execution of the acts known as the "Compromise of 1850," settled by the last Congress, the act for reclaiming fugitives from service or labor included, which act was designed to carry out an express provision of the Constitution, cannot with propriety be rejected, or so changed as to destroy or impair its efficacy.

Resolved. That the Democratic party will resist all attempt at renewing in Congress, or out of it, the agitation of the Slavey question, under whatever shape or color the attempt may be made.

Resolved. That the proceeds of the Public Lands out to be specially applied to the National objects specified in the Constitution; and that we are opposed to any law for the distribution of such proceeds among the States, as is inexpedient in policy and repugnant to their institution.

Resolved. That we are decidedly opposed to taking from the President the qualified veto power, by which he is enabled under restrictions and responsibilities, to veto and to guard the public interests, and to prevent the passage of any bill whose sole aim and object is the removal of two-thirds of the Senate or House of Representatives, until the judgment of the people can be obtained thereon, and which has served the American people from the morning to the noon-day demonstration of the Bank of the United States, and a correct system of internal improvements.

Resolved. That the Democratic party will faithfully abide by and insist that the principles laid down in the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1792-3, and in the report of Mr. Madison to the Virginia Legislature, in 1793, that adopts these principles as constituting one of the main foundations of its political creed, and is resolved to carry them out in their obvious meaning and import.

Resolved. That the War with Mexico踰ned the principles of Patriotic, and the Law of Nations, was a just and necessary War on our part, in which American citizen should have shown himself on [against] the side of his country, and neither morally nor physically by word or deed, given aid and comfort to the enemy.

Resolved. That we rejoice at the restoration of friendly relations with our sister Republic of Mexico, and earnestly desire for her all the blessings and prosperity which we enjoy under Republican Institutions; and we congratulate the American people upon the results of that war, which have so manifestly justified the policy and conduct of the Democracy, in aid the United States indemnity for the Future.

Resolved. That in view of the condition of the popular institutions in the old world, a high and sacred duty is devolved with increased responsibility upon the Democracy of those countries, as the party of the people, to uphold and maintain the rights of State entire, by the Union of the States, and to sustain and advance constitutional liberty by combining to resist all monopolies and exclusive legislation for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many, and by vigilant and consistent adherence to these principles and compromises of the Constitution which are broad enough and strong enough to embrace and uphold the UNION AS IT IS and the UNION AS IT SHOULD BE, in the full expansion of the energies and capacity of this great and progressive people.

By the following Telegraphic Dispatches it will be seen that the "Universal Democracy" are perfectly tickled to death with the nomination of a man for the Presidency than 300,000s of them never before heard of. Soon after the nomination was announced by telegraph, on Saturday, we encountered an ardent Leopold in the street who discoursed somewhat as follows: "General, you are done for! That ticket can't be beat. Price is the man for us. I always thought our folks would nominate Price." We readily suggested that a gentleman named Price was the nominee of his party—but he looked upon it as a "whig trick," and went off singing out "Hurrur for Price."

But see how "democracy" jubilates over the man that old Lundy's Lane will prescribe for, in a few days—

CHARLESTON, June 6.—The nomination of Gen. Pierce was received here with great surprise.

Despatches from prominent Southern delegates voice for Pierce as acceptable to the South, and will receive the vote of the Palmetto State.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—Pierce and King are most acceptable to the Democracy in this quarter. Our delegates pronounced them the nominees of the South.

RICHMOND, June 6.—The Democratic nomination, especially that of Mr. King, is well received here. Virginia seconded by North Carolina, having set the Pierce ball in motion, he is claimed as the Virginia candidate.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The Democracy of this city expresses great satisfaction with the nomination.

BALTIMORE, June 6.—A ratification meeting of the Democratic nominating committee was held last night in Monument Square. Some enthusiasm was raised among the masses, but they yield with great reluctance.

The South Carolina papers are quite indulgent at the attempt of Gen. Commander to represent that state in the Baltimore Convention.

CHARLESTON, June 6.—A meeting of the Democracy for the ratification of the Baltimore nomination, is to be held in Independence square tomorrow evening.

Our New York Correspondence.

NEW YORK, June 4, 1852.

MR. EDITOR:—The weather has been remarkably fine for several days. Yesterday, however, was most inclement until the afternoon, when we had quite a squall of wind and a heavy shower, which somewhat cooled the atmosphere. Now, as I write, the rain is falling in torrents, and a blessing it ought to be considered, too; for if the Democratic Convention at Baltimore were to sit longer without nominating a candidate, some of the officers in this city would die of cooling them off. I met several Cass men quite drunk, last night, when the result of the first, second, and third ballots were quite elicited. They speak a little nonsense after the news of the first ballot, "what more" after that of the second ballot, and a "little more" after that of the third; and, as every little makes a muckle," as the Scotch proverb has it, a great many of them were completely "sooed up" by the time the news of the fourth ballot reached us, when *hurrah de hurrah* had lost four votes. Then a glass had to be taken to keep up their drooping spirits, and as each succeeding report arrived of the falling off of votes, another and another were ordered, until late at night, when, after a dreadful suspense occasioned by a disagreement of the wires, the fatal news arrived that Cass had gone down to 49.

This announcement produced the most intense excitement. The Cassites fairly boiled with fury, and swore there was treachery in their camp. Cass received, you know, on the first ballot, 116 votes, and on the third, 117, so that the general fall to 49 showed, pretty conclusively, that he had been let down *only* by a preconcerted arrangement. Buchanan's grand but steady decline did not create much excitement among his friends, as it was not fully expected, after the adoption of the twelfth rule, that he could get the nomination.

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Mr. CASE Johnson moved that the Convention proceed to the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President at 4 o'clock this afternoon. On this Mr. Johnson moved a previous question, but it was not seconded.

Upon his person were found matches, gunpowder &c., in small parcels in cotton cloaks convenient to be worn a short distance and communicate fire, and a miscellany of other things, such as a pistol or a scamp-might to be expected to have. It is one of the small parcels of powder and calico that he had just thrown into the wool-blip when Mr. Fox nimbly dashed him. He said he intended to throw it into the lake!

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